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## PRINTING OFFICE NO TEMPTATION

(By Clarence DuBose, Staff Correspondent to The Dallas News.)

Merkel, Texas, March, 20.—“Heres one of the best farms in this country,” said the editor of the Merkel Mail, as we drove up to J. S. Touchstone's place, some six or seven miles from town. After the owner, with justifiable pride had pointed out some of its most attractive features, Editor Easterwood submitted a proposition.

“How'll you trade your farm for my printing office?” said he, tentatively, leaning against the fence in an indifferent sort of way and acting as though he really didn't think much of the proposition and on the second thought didn't know whether he wanted to swap, or not.

Mr. Touchstone grinned. “Wouldn't trade at all,” he responded promptly. “Guess you got a nice place, but I would not trade my farm for any town business on earth—that is as long as I can run it this way. Course now, if I had to be confined to a cotton patch I wouldn't stay on the farm a minute. But let me do this way and I figure I've got just as good a proposition as this old world offers.”

### Meant Diversification

Now, the newspaper man may or may not have been serious—the chances are he had a pretty good idea what Mr. Touchstone would say, knowing the kind of farmer he is—and wanted to hear him say it. But the latter was in dead earnest, if a man ever was about anything. He meant literally and exactly what he said, and by “running his farm this way” he meant diversification—hogs, milch cows, chickens, vegetables, stock farming and living at home, with some cotton on the side as a surplus money crop.

“I bought and paid for everything I have by farming,” continued Mr. Touchstone, resting a foot in a mesh of the hog proof fence and pulling out a memorandum book in which he keeps an account of his farm business.

“I came here fifteen years ago from Coryell county with four mules and owing money. I consider that what little success I have had is by raising stock in connection with the farm, making my own feed and feeding it on the farm. Furthermore, I can't see why any farmer can't do the same thing. Any farmer has just as much sense and muscle as I have. It is just a question of getting away from the one-crop idea and hitting the ball.”

Mr. Touchstone has 200 acres, of which, 50 go in cotton. He raises and sells from \$600 to \$650 worth of pigs each year, selling them for about \$2 each as pigs. Commencing this year, he intends to fatten them and not sell until they are full grown hogs.

“I've been here for 12 years and have been raising and selling pigs every year,” he said. “In that time I have only bought feed one year and have always had plenty of feed to sell, if I want to, in addition to what I use myself.”

### Made \$35 in Two Weeks

“As far as our actual living goes, we make that out of chickens and such things. Why, a man can make his living out of a farm mighty easy if he will half-way try. But, of course there ain't no use trying to get it out of nothing but a cotton patch. A farmer trying to do that might

just as well give up. We keep about 150 chickens; in the last two weeks we have made \$35 from them.

“I paid this farm out from hogs and stock fed on the feed I grew myself, always making plenty of vegetables, meat, etc., for the family right at home. I buy mule colts now and then, raise 'em on my feed and sell 'em—and I always make my cotton as a surplus crop.”

The Merkel country claims to be in better shape than ever before—and looks it. Stock farming is more general—growing feed and selling it on the hoof—there is more dairying and chicken business and more attention to hogs. In addition to these features, Merkel has some especially fine graded and registered cattle—for instance, the 10 month old Hereford bull calf that C. M. Largent sold for \$2,500 not long ago. Yes, you are correct—that's some calf. There are several very fine herds in the county, and at the Largent farm one can see a bull whose male calves alone for six years have sold for between \$70,000 and \$80,000; none of the heifers from this bull have been sold.

“I think we are going to have lots of boll weevils here this year, so I'm not going to plant much cotton,” said S. A. Coates, whose 125 acres will go into feed crops largely. Last year he planted seventy-six acres in cotton and made forty-two bales. He had twenty milch cows, 100 hens and some hogs—more than a living at home. One day last fall he sold \$107 worth of chickens; this, however, being unus-

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## JUDGE COBB FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The Mail announces to its readers the candidacy of Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb for Legislature subject to the July primaries. It is within the knowledge of the Mail that Judge Cobb was petitioned by friends to make the race sometime before he made up his mind to announce, and now that he has, he is desirous only of the public holding him personally responsible for having cast his hat in the ring. Judge Cobb is a sound and logical thinker and a man of over eighteen years public service. His ability to fill the position to which he aspires cannot be questioned, and he will no doubt fill the position, if elected, with honor to himself and the county from which he hails.

Judge Cobb is licensed to practice law in the highest courts, though he has not actively engaged in such practice, preferring to use his knowledge of jurisprudence in his personal work. The Mail would say that Judge Cobb is highly energetic and capable of doing much good in the Texas Legislative body. Give his claims careful consideration when you cast your ballot.

### Candies For The Children

Boney's drug store has received a complete line of candies of all sorts.

Special line of Easter candies. Also fresh fruits and nuts at all times. A. C. Boney.

### Notice

J. R. Sandlin, L. J. Bradford & Son have opened a new grocery store on Kent St., in Crenshaw building. Call and see us, the prices are right. 7t3pd

See me for all kinds of feed and planting cotton seed. G. R. Gazzaway. 7t3

## “MERKEL COMMERCIAL LEAGUE” IS NAME GIVEN BUSINESS MEN'S ORGANIZATION

Working Committees Have Been Selected and Some Work Has Been Outlined

### ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NIGHT LAST

“Present Constitution and By-Laws Will do to Work on.”—J. C. Mason. Dues to be 50 Cents Per Month. Anyone Eligible to Membership and All Are Invited To Become Members

Well, it's a go. The Merkel Commercial League is now a solid business organization, founded along business lines by business men and for business principles. Without a doubt more enthusiasm has been shown in co-operative work among local people since this organization than has been witnessed in this city in several years.

As a working body a board of directors, R. L. Bland, Thos. Johnson, E. L. Rogers, G. M. Sharp and W. B. Foster, will govern the actions of the body, subject to the ratification of the League. The Civic Committee, E. P. McMillen, Austin Boyd and H. M. Rose, are to shape and carry out the work for the betterment of civic conditions in town. The Membership Committee, R. O. Anderson, E. P. McMillen, Rev. H. E. Bullock and H. M. Morris, are to make an extensive campaign for members to the Commercial League and report same to the Secretary at the earliest possible moment.

The Committee of Public Highways, Dr. M. Armstrong, H. L. Propst and J. T. Warren, are endowed with the power to do all possible for the betterment of road conditions in and about Merkel. The field of action for the League is Merkel and the Merkel country and its field is in no way limited. Other committees have been named whose duties it will be to manage other portions of the work coming before the body.

In the beginning a membership of seventy-five persons was enlisted. This number is expected to be doubled within a very short time, and all farmers, ranchmen, daily laborers and others are earnestly invited to join this organization and lend their assistance at all times in making the work more perfect.

Regular semi-monthly meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month, the place to be selected at the earliest possible date, but until a selection has been made the City Hall will be used as club rooms and all business meetings will be held there.

Means are to be provided for the raising of funds for special work the League may undertake, but in no case can any obligation be made that will exceed the amount of cash on hand in the treasury of the League.

The Mail is pleased to announce that no favoritism is to be shown in the organization of this League, and any person who has not been approached on the subject of becoming a member, should not feel slighted in the least, for the work has just started and it has been impossible to see all who might have been interested. For this reason an urgent request is made by President Bland of the Commercial League, that every Merkel man who is for the betterment of the trade territory surrounding our town, become a member at the earliest moment and lend his efforts to its ultimate success.

The next regular meeting as prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws will be held Monday evening, May 1st.

## THOS. M. CAMPBELL NEWS FROM NOODLE TO BE IN ABILENE PLAY SCHEDULED

Ex-Governor Thos. M. Campbell has notified Harry Tom King and others of his friends in Abilene that he will make his opening speech in his campaign for United States Senate in Abilene on Monday, May 1st. Mr. King says that definite announcement will be made later but asks that all friends and supporters of Mr. Campbell will bear the date in mind and be on hand if possible.

On next Thursday night, April 27, a Comedy-drama, “The Daughter of the Desert,” will be given at the school house. Complete rehearsals have been made and the entertainment should be highly entertaining in every respect. The public is given a special invitation to attend. O. L. Jackson was visiting in Abilene Saturday and Sunday. The Methodist Quarterly Conference was held here Saturday. The presiding Elder preached Saturday and also on Sunday to large crowds which attended each of the services. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Grayson and little son attended services here Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. E. E. Wheeler. Elder Price Bankhead filled his regular appointment at the Christian church Sunday. Farmers throughout this section are very busy, following the rain of the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago were the guests of W. C. Thompson and family Sunday. The young folks of this place met Sunday afternoon and organized an Epworth League. The attendance was good and much interest manifested. Rev. W. K. Horn of Abilene attended the services here Saturday night. Mrs. A. C. Sallie and children returned to their home at Paducah last week, after a long visit with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Artur Rogers were visiting relatives here last week. U. B. Wheeler and family visited the former's brother, E. E. Wheeler Sunday. Mrs. R. W. Green and Miss Myrtle Barbee were shopping in Merkel Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Grisham and little daughter of Haskell have been recent visitors with the family of J. T. Howard on the departure of the parents for Sweetwater little Lillian Perry remained for a longer visit with her grandfather.

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## CAN ORGANIZE A T. N. G. CO. HERE

A letter from Captain U. C. Nimon, of the Texas National Guard Co., of recent date expresses hope that Merkel will be able to organize and maintain a full company of guards at this place.

The letter from Captain Nimon was in response to a request for permission to organize such a company and equip same under the state department regulations. The age limit of membership will be between the ages of 18 and 36, subject to a certain physical examination and for drill duty at certain times. In order to be mustered into service the company must keep at least sixty-two men and three officers. This should be easily accomplished and all who are desirous of co-operating in the present preparedness lines will please notify me at an early date. This notice of your intention to become a member will in no way place you under any obligations whatever, for final signing of the muster roll will be necessary before an officer can be called to complete the company and muster them into service.

Homer L. Easterwood.

### Shetland Pony For Sale

One thoroughbred shetland pony, absolutely gentle for children to drive and guaranteed safe. Also set of harness and surry. See me if interested. W. Parten.

### Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies dont fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

I need your trade. G. M. Sharp

## NUBIA NEWS BY A WORD EXPONENT

Special to the Mail.

The community's health, with rare exceptions, is commensurate with consistency.

The latest rain which fell Thursday night and Friday morning, found a welcome forthcoming. While its need was not quite so imperative as before, its coming was greeted with an ovation notwithstanding.

The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tucker which was born Sunday night, died on the next Thursday following. Interment was made in White Church Cemetery Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Elder Eugene Bankhead conducting the obsequies. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the writer.

There was singing at Nubia Sunday, and not a few were there from Blair.

A very good crowd attended Sunday school at Nubia on the Sabbath morning.

A real good singing was given at Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson's Sunday night.

The planting of cotton and feed is the most outstanding feature of farming activity here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bankhead are the happy recipients of a big bouncing girl, who made her advent into their home last Thursday morning. As congratulations are in order the writer announces his.

Dr. Martin has purchased himself a car. Evidently he is not a subscriber to the belief that snail method traveling is paramount mode of the Twentieth century. Several from here went to the singing convention at Abilene Sunday week. The next convention will be held at Trent sometime in the fall.

The people of Butman held a school trustee election last Saturday for the purpose of electing two trustees. Mr. Jim Perry was chosen as one and E. W. Turner and E. Bankhead tied, each receiving nine votes. On Monday morning another election was held to untie the vote. The result was the selection of Mr. Bankhead.

Several from here are talking of going to Abilene on the 26th inst., for the purpose of listening to the forensic eloquence of Col. William Jennings Bryan, who will speak on “The European War.”

Maize and cotton which were planted before the last rain, are coming up, and looking healthy.

There is some talk of building a better school house at Butman. It is a thing which is badly needed and which as the writer believes, should receive the people's endorsement.

## COMMISSIONERS FOR OVERSHINER

In a recent issue in which we published the announcement of for Judge E. M. Overshiner who is a candidate to succeed himself as county judge of this county, we stated that he was appointed by District Judge Thos. L. Blanton, when it should have read that he was selected by the Commissioners Court at that time.

The error would hardly effect any person's liberal views, but this explanation is made in order to keep the record straight.

A fresh cigar and a cool place to smoke at Burroughs.



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**Farmers State  
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LOAN ON APPROVED  
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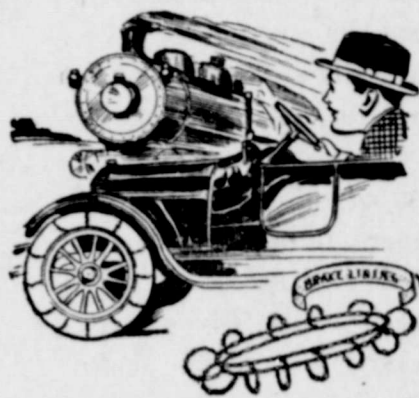
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**\$85,000.00**

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JOHN SEARS, Vice Pres.  
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

**BLANTON TO SPEAK  
TODAY NEAR HERE**

At 10:30 this Friday morning Judge Thos. L. Blanton, candidate for congress, is scheduled to speak at Stith, and at 2:30 this afternoon he is to be at Noodle for the same purpose, going directly from Noodle to Sinclair, where he speaks at night. During the last week Judge Blanton has been speaking at various places throughout this section of the country. Covering the country from Albany and Stamford to the Noodle section, making one, two and three speeches every day. It would seem that this constant source of energy would sometime forsake Judge Blanton, but he shows no signs of weakening and from reports over this entire district, his campaign is meeting with even greater success than he had anticipated. His method of campaign as outlined this year is being highly complimented from every point he reached.



**GOOD BRAKES AVERT  
ACCIDENTS**

There is nothing more dangerous to the autoist than faulty brakes. You not only risk your own life, but the lives of others as well. We can provide you with new brakes, brake linings or any accessories at very low prices. We positively guarantee everything we sell.

**MERKEL GARAGE**

**Good Western Grown Seeds**

We have in Merkel a stock of, Sudan, Feterita, Dwarf Red and White Maize, Red Top and Orange as well as Seeded Ribbon Cane, Corn, Higaria and Schrock Sorghum, these last two are recommended as the greatest feed crops ever grown in Texas, Western Growned Mebane cotton Seed, free of weevil or "boll rot". You will find these with Mr. G. R. Gazzaway Boyce Building - Phone 37, he will appreciate your inquiries and sell you the best of seed worth the money. The Sweetwater Grain & Seed Company. 1413

**Returned From Battle Creek**

E. L. Woodroof who has been in Battle Creek, Mich., for the past month recuperating from a nervous attack, returned last week. Mr. Woodroof is much improved, but will go to Mineral Wells this week for an additional rest at that resort.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the past 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

National Bank of Commerce Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**Polo.**

Polo is an oriental game of antiquity which, it is claimed, can be traced back to 600 B. C.

**To Drive Out Malaria**  
And Build Up The System  
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

**Presbyterian Announcement**

We are glad to give notice of the growing attendance of our Sunday school and also at preaching services. Our choir has been reorganized and is doing splendid work, which fact is in a large measure responsible for the increased attendance. On Sunday evening, April 23, at 7:45, the choir will render an Easter song service. Everyone is especially invited to attend this service, and if you sing we want you in the choir, so do not find a seat until you find the right one. Ours is a home-like church and you are always welcome.

Pastor.

**DON'T BE MISLED**

**Merkel Citizens Shoule Read and Heed This Advice.**

Kidney trouble is danzerous and often fatal.

Dont experiment with something new and untried.

Use a tested kidney remedy.

Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills.

Used in kidnep troubles 50 years.

Recommended here and everywhere.

A Merkel citizen's statement forms convincing proof.

It's local testimony—can be investigated.

Mrs. M. A. Warren, El Paso St., Merkel, says: "I had a great deal of trouble with mo back and could hardly turn without a sharp catch across má kidneys. I felt worn out and languid nearly all the time and became very nervous. Another in the family had found Doan's Kidney Pills fine, so I started to use them. They helped me and I kept up the treatment un il I was cured."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Warren had. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Negro Child Buried**

The baby boy of Enoch Wiley (colored) was buried here Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services were held in the annex of Rose Hill Cemetery at 2 o'clock.

**HAVE YOU WEAK LUNGS?**

Do colds settle on your chest or in your bronchial tubes? Do coughs hang on, or are you subject to throat troubles?

Such troubles should have immediate treatment with the strengthening powers of Scott's Emulsion to guard against consumption which so easily follows.

Scott's Emulsion contains pure cod liver oil which peculiarly strengthens the respiratory tract and improves the quality of the blood; the glycerine in it soothes and heals the tender membranes of the throat.

Scott's is prescribed by the best specialists. You can get it at any drug store.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

**High School Entertainment**

Friday evening April 21 at 8:15 Mrs. Mershaw who recently gave a play in the Cozy Theatre will return next Friday evening and render "The Little Heroine of the Revolution" at the High School Auditorium for benefit of the freshman class. Admission 15 cent for children and 25 cents for adults.

This was given at the High School in Abilene recently and was praised very highly by Prof. R. A. Smith and the Abilene Reporter. Come and bring your friends.

**A TEXAS WONDER.**

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

**Her Inefficiency.**

"That actress can't play Lady Macbeth."  
"Why not?"  
"Lady Macbeth murdered sleep, but this woman can't even kill time."—Baltimore American.

**A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples**

As a healing salve for burns, sore nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a almost instantly, and unless the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

J. T. Warren, Pres. Thos. Johnson, Cashier

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OVER \$50,000.00**

With our large capital and surplus and extensive resources combined with many years of active and successful banking experience in this country, your business will be handled to your satisfaction. We lend money at all times at reasonable rates. Your deposit account will be handled by experienced and expert accountants who have had many years experience and who are ready and willing to serve you at all times. Every department systematized for the dispatch of business. New accounts are invited, and if we can be of service to you in any way, call on us. Respectfully,

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

**BREEDING NOTICE**

With my combination horse, Gerald, and stylish black Spanish Jack, Tom, also Jersey Bull and Düroc Boar, I ask a share of your business. All care will be taken but not responsible for accidents. Office Boyce Bldg.

**G. R. GAZZAWAY**

**BREEDERS NOTICE  
"DAN"**

The Thoroughbred Kentucky Trotter stallion will make the season at Trent this year \$10 to insure living colt. Will use every precaution but will not be responsible for any accidents. CAL. HAMNER

**Everyone Likes**



**EACH CHAPTER COMPLETE**

At the COZY every Tuesday

Matinee and Night



# EASTER HATS



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**SUNDAY**  
 IS  
**EASTER**  
 ARE YOU  
**READY**  
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LADIES AND MISSES SPECIAL  
**EASTER HATS**  
 the most varied selection in Merkel  
 Beautifully Trimmed and Beautiful Patterns

Open  
 until late  
**SATURDAY**  
 evening



**Woodroof's**  
 MILLINERY  
 PARLORS



## At Easter Time

When you blossom out at Easter time with the rest of the people, and the rest of the world, you had better do it in a Hart Schaffner & Marx Varsity Fifty Five suit.

Here they are in the different variations, two and three button models, plain and patch pockets, nifty stripes and fancy weaves.

Plenty of beautiful Easter suits  
 at \$13.50 to \$25

**WOODROOF'S**

## LOCAL NEWS

Pecans at 15 cents per pound at G. M. Sharps.

Pure Texas honey, \$1.25 per gallon. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Mabel Brackeen has returned home from Altas, Okla. where she visited relatives.

Talcum powder special prices on Mondays and Tuesdays. Burroughs.

Miss Pauline Bristoe of Abilene is the guest of Mrs. Tom Brackeen.

Plenty of meal, bran, shorts and mixed feed. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Chas. Christopher of Lamesa is visiting relatives here this week.

Car of hay expected next week G. M. Sharp.

Charlie Williams, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams, has returned from Kansas City, having spent the winter there attending a medical college.

Get your cream and Pearl meal from the Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Ralph Bigham came in the first of the week from San Antonio where he attended Peacock's Military Academy during the winter months.

The Easter cake eggs at the Bakery are just what the children will want.

Mrs. Emma Daniels returned from Abilene Tuesday where she had been visiting Miss Ruby Dowdy who is in an Abilene sanitarium.

Mrs. Olin Graves has returned to Fort Worth after a few days visit with the families of her brothers, the Messrs. Woodroofs, Mrs. M. A. Woodroofs who has spent several weeks with her sons returned with Mrs. Graves.

Mrs. H. T. Merritt left Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. J. C. Baker at Canyon and relatives at Hereford and other points in the Texas Panhandle country. She was accompanied by her daughter Miss Leuel and son Jack.

Now is your chance to buy a nice silk dress at one-fourth less than our regular prices. W. L. Harkrider.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Farrar who have been teaching at Estacado the past year are visiting with Mrs. C. B. Smith, mother of Mrs. Farrar. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar are at the present living at Lorenzo.

A beautiful line of new style silk dresses in leading colors to close out at one-fourth less than regular prices. W. L. Harkrider.

Master Harry Merritt, our little "devil," accompanied his mother to Sweetwater Monday, returning that night.

Our entire stock of silk dresses on special sale at one-fourth off regular prices. W. L. Harkrider.

V. D. Jones of Bagwell, who was here for the funeral of Mrs. R. H. Collins, returned home Friday night.

Windmills, windmills; lots of them. See me before you buy your windmill and pipe fixtures. H. M. Rose.

Special hot cross buns are appropriate for Easter. Get them at the Bakery.

Seven days a week feature. Neopolitan ice cream. Burroughs

**Told That There Was No Cure for Him.**

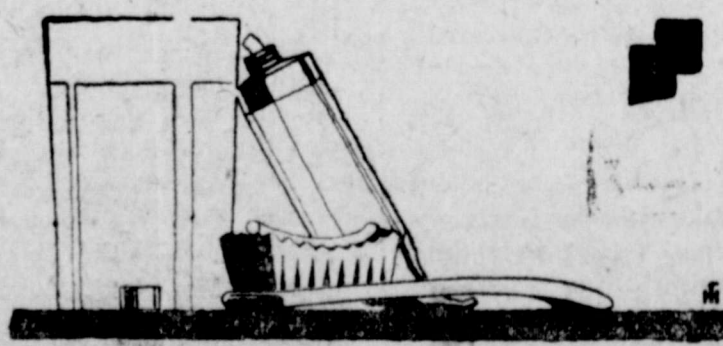
"After suffering for over twenty years with indigestion and having some of the best doctors here tell me there was no cure for me, I think it only right to tell you for the sake of other sufferers as well as your own satisfaction that a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets not only relieved me but cured me within two months although I am a man of 65 years." writes Jul. Groben, Houston Texas. For sale by all dealers.

## Easter Sunday MENU

### Busy Bee Cafe

- Tomato Bullion with a la Cruetons
- RELISH**
- Fresh Celery
- Combination Salad
- Roast Young Turkey and Cranberry Sauce
- VEGETABLES**
- New String Beans Mashed Potatoes
- Peas in Cream
- DESSERTS**
- Fresh Strawberry Cobbler
- DRINKS**
- Coffee Tea Milk
- Hot Cross Rolls

April 23, 1916



## Nyal Tooth Paste

YOU'LL like this dentifrice better—it cleanses the teeth, sweetens the breath and freshens the mouth. It's economical to use. Thoroughly satisfactory and—you'll like the taste of Nyal Tooth Paste

25c the tube

T. L. Grimes, Druggist

## LOCAL NEWS

Mesdames C. C. and Chas. Harless and E. E. Davis of Snyder are visiting the family of F. Sears this week. On Wednesday of this week Mesdames C. C. Harless and Davis with Mrs. Sears drove to Clyde to visit friends until the latter part of the week.

House cleaning time is here get the Eureka furniture varnish Gold bronze and Piano dressing from A. L. Jobe 1st door east of the Merkel Garage, Coats building, A. L. Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beach of Van Horn who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mershon expect to shortly make Merkel their home. They will be located in the H. C. William's cottage on North Front Street.

Sid Coats has been quite sick at his home two miles north of town during the past week. He is reported improved, however, from the attack of la grippe which he has suffered.

Mrs. W. A. Scott spent Thursday of last week in Merkel. The many Merkel friends here will be glad to know that she is again able to be in her home in Abilene.

Before, during and after all occasions visit Burroughs sanitary fountain.

### Primary Convention

State of Texas, County of Taylor—

Notice is hereby given that a regular Republican Precinct Primary will be held at the office of the Home Furniture Co. in Merkel, Texas, on the 6th day of May at 3 o'clock in and for precinct No. 6 Taylor county Texas, for the purpose of sending delegates to the county convention of Taylor county, Texas, which said county convention is called to meet at Abilene at the county Courthouse on the 9th day of May 1916 at 12 o'clock noon. A. H. Thornton, Acting Precinct Chm.

J. V. Tye left last week for an extended trip to Mineral Wells.

Ladies easter hats at low prices by Mrs. Jobe from now until Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

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The Easter cake eggs at the Bakery are just what the children will want.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bell is resting well after an operation at Abilene on Wednesday.

Figure with me before buying a monument for your loved ones. Can save you money. A. L. Jobe 2112

Attorney W. C. Jackson of Ft. Stockton stopped off here Tuesday night while on his way home from Abilene and visited Thos. A. Johnson and family.

A bargain is the thing and you get it from A. L. Jobe. Every pop some pops, don't fail to call when in town. A. L. Jobe.

Miss Ruby Dowdy underwent an operation at an Abilene sanitarium Thursday of last week. Her condition was reported favorable following the operation.

Take her a box of Adolphus chocolates. Burroughs.

### A Bargain is the Thing

and A. L. Jobe's Bargain store is the place to get it in boys and youths suits, men and boys hats, shoes and shirts. If you have the big head I can fit you in a hat. Shirts from 17 to 20 in collar, worth \$1.50 selling at 50 cents, get one now.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.



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### GREAT MEN OF TEXAS

The champion pugilist of the world got his start in Oklahoma.—Duncan (Okla.) Banner.

Uh-huh. But Texas points with pride to such as Col. House, Albert Sidney Burleson and the likes o' them.—Merkel (Tex.) Mail.

Also to another illustrious son who graduated into Oklahoma politics from Texas—Senator Gore, he of unpreparedness fame, and don't overlook the Texas Cyclone whose vociferous and odoriferous language was expurgated from the Congressional Record.—Duncan (Okla.) Banner.

Ouch! Go easy, there, your mention of Senator Gore isn't such a sore spot, but you certainly rubbed the hair the wrong way in your last few words. We deny the allegation and will scrap the alligator, for we are in no way responsible for the sending of Cyclone to his present position.

### WHAT OTHERS THINK OF COMMERCIAL CLUBS

No man is properly identified with the progress and uplift of his town unless he is a working member of the commercial organization. It takes more co-operation to successfully boost than it does to do any other one thing. Join the Commercial Club.—Mineral Wells Index.

Well it makes no difference whether we belong or not. The good the Club does is so wide spread that the benefits fall upon the just and the unjust. As long as life exists there will be the two classes: One pays for what they get, the other expects it as a heritage, regardless.—The Pecos Times.

You can't do anything better just now than join the Commercial League or plow up your garden. Both these provide for future sustenance, though through different channels. Join the Commercial league.

### FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF TEXAS

The time is now ripe for cleaning up your premises. Don't wait for a clean-up day to be announced. Let every day be a clean-up day until all the tin cans and old shoes are banished, then use plenty of lime.—Conroe Courier.

This is a good suggestion at any time. Especially the old tin cans should be removed. They hold water and furnish breeding places for mesquitoes. Lime is a great disinfectant and is cheap.—Austin American.

Everybody should get the clean-up habit and the sooner the better.—Fannin County Favorite.

Three of a kind from three sections of Texas and each paragraph talks about the time being ripe. A good suggestion or everybody should do so-and-so, but they have omitted to institute the "we will" clause in any of their statements. Right now we would like to put on record as "going to" in the clean-up line. What Conroe can do in that bunch of stumps and Austin can do in swampy surroundings and Bonham can perfect in that black mud, Merkel can outshine to a queen's taste. Merkel is going to clean-up and is already at it.

If we withdraw from Mexico without getting Villa, dead or alive, we will be an international laughing stock. The world has not forgotten the unreflected Huerta salute.

### COMMERCIALISMS

If the price keeps on going up, molasses will land among the luxuries.

The "waiting" down in Mexico is now the waiting for something to shoot.

Please don't send in any good fishing stories; we simply could not stand the strain.

There are said to be 450,000 words in the English language, and when a woman's club meets they are all in use.

Last week the Germans captured the trenches and this week the French have recovered them; same old game of see-saw.

Kansas City dealers have given the highest price ever paid for spring lambs. Later on the local dealers will get your goat.

That New Jersey pastor who kissed a girl in his congregation and then resigned is another of the class who "paid the price."

Remember how we used to sing that beautiful old song "The Vacant Chair?" Nowadays they don't stay vacant long enough to sing about.

Looks as if it might be: Win with Villa; lose without him.

Funston will have to blue-print his order for "1,000 field glasses." Mexico is not dry.

A Middle Tennessee poet says this is "gentle spring diluted." Hand him the stamped leather medal.

Anyhow, this Mexican expedition is making us acquainted pictorially with the officers of our army.

If the price of shoes continue to go up, poor "paw" will certainly have to let the little "colt" go bare.

While gasoline and molasses are aviating, turnip salad is getting on the map; and it spells salvation to your liver.

The man who keeps his hands morally clean in this world won't have to worry over wings that don't fit in the next world.

Closing in on Villa seems to be a wide-open game.

"Walking on all fours like a monkey," is the new cure for indigestion, but hadn't you rather have it?

No; we don't believe the mikado is going to be bell hop in that \$3,000,000 hotel he is building at Tokyo.

If Gen. Obregon is really half Irish and half Mexican, Carranza had better not strike a match in his vicinity.

Play ball!

Villa's "last legs" last him a long time.

If Tris Speaker really sold for \$50,000 then silence isn't golden any longer.

Picked out your congressional primary entry? Going to be an interesting race.

The government is sending 10,000 pounds of candy to the soldiers in Mexico. Oh, fudge!

Isn't it about time to sell hot tamales for a "relief fund" for the punitive expedition?

Mrs. Waite says she will divorce the doctor, but if she isn't in a hurry the electric chair will beat her to it.

Another good maxim would be: Having put your hand to the punitive rifle, never look back until you get your man.

Germany says she will make peace on her terms and the allies say they will make it on theirs, and the result is they go on fighting.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has an income of \$15,000,000 and only one daughter for whom to buy wooden shoes and Easter bonnets.

### AS OTHERS SEE US

The Merkel Mail tells its people they must boost the town or it will not get boosted.—Snyder Signal.

A little publicity all ready started by the Commercial League movement. Our section can stand behind a lot of honest advertising and a Commercial League is the medium through which this information is best handled.

# PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

is the real tobacco for jimmy pipes and makin's cigarettes

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## Get a Fresh Start!

For men who got away to a false start on a pipe or home-made cigarettes Prince Albert has a word or two for what ails their smokeappetites!

Forget you ever tried to smoke, for Prince Albert is so different, such a fine flavor, so cool and cheerful and friendly, you'll get a new idea of smoke joy! The patented process fixes that—and cuts out bite and parch!

And this little preachment is also for men who think they're on the right track. All to be said is that the sooner you lay out a nickel or a dime for a supply of Prince Albert, the sooner you'll make a discovery that'll be worth a lot to your peace of mind and tongue!

Buy Prince Albert all over the civilized world! Toppymed bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that classy crystal-glass pound humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such fine shape—always!

Get the idea of smoking all you want without a comeback—that's P. A.!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.



On the reverse side of this tidy red tin you will read: "Process Patented July 30th, 1907," which has made three new smoke pipes where one smoked before!

## Here is Real Paint Economy—

PAINT ECONOMY does not lie in the cost per gallon, but in what the gallon will accomplish. Cheap paints cover only 200 to 250 square feet per gallon, two coats. But a gallon of

**Low Brothers**  
**HIGH STANDARD**  
**LIQUID PAINT**

covers 300 to 400 square feet, two coats. Your painting will require fewer gallons of "High Standard" than of cheaper paint—so many less, in fact, that your painting cost will be lower.

"High Standard" works easier, covers better, assures permanency of color and more years of wear. Ask us for color card and booklets.



**Burton-Lingo Co**  
 Merkel, Texas

### SHILOH

There was a large attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wheeler near Noodle Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. Thompson spent Sunday with homefolk in Noodle.

Quite a number from here attended services at Noodle Sunday.

Miss Bamma Winters visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Phillips of Trent the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and daughter, Vennie, Misses Nina Winters and Maggie Wheeler spent Sunday with W. B. Beavers and family.

Mrs. J. W. Tyner was shopping in Trent Thursday.

W. B. Beavers made a business trip to his farm near Sweetwater Creek Tuesday.

J. W. Tyner is cementing his storm house this week.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of Jones County Association will be held at Shiloh beginning on Thursday night before the fifth Sunday in this month.

We had a fine rain in this part of the country last week which

## HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FRIDAY NIGHT

April 21 at 8.15 o'clock

## "THE LITTLE HEROINE OF THE REVOLUTION"

Admission 15c and 25c

Be sure to come and bring one

did considerable damage in washing the fields very badly.

Editor's note—The more regular your communication the better we like them.

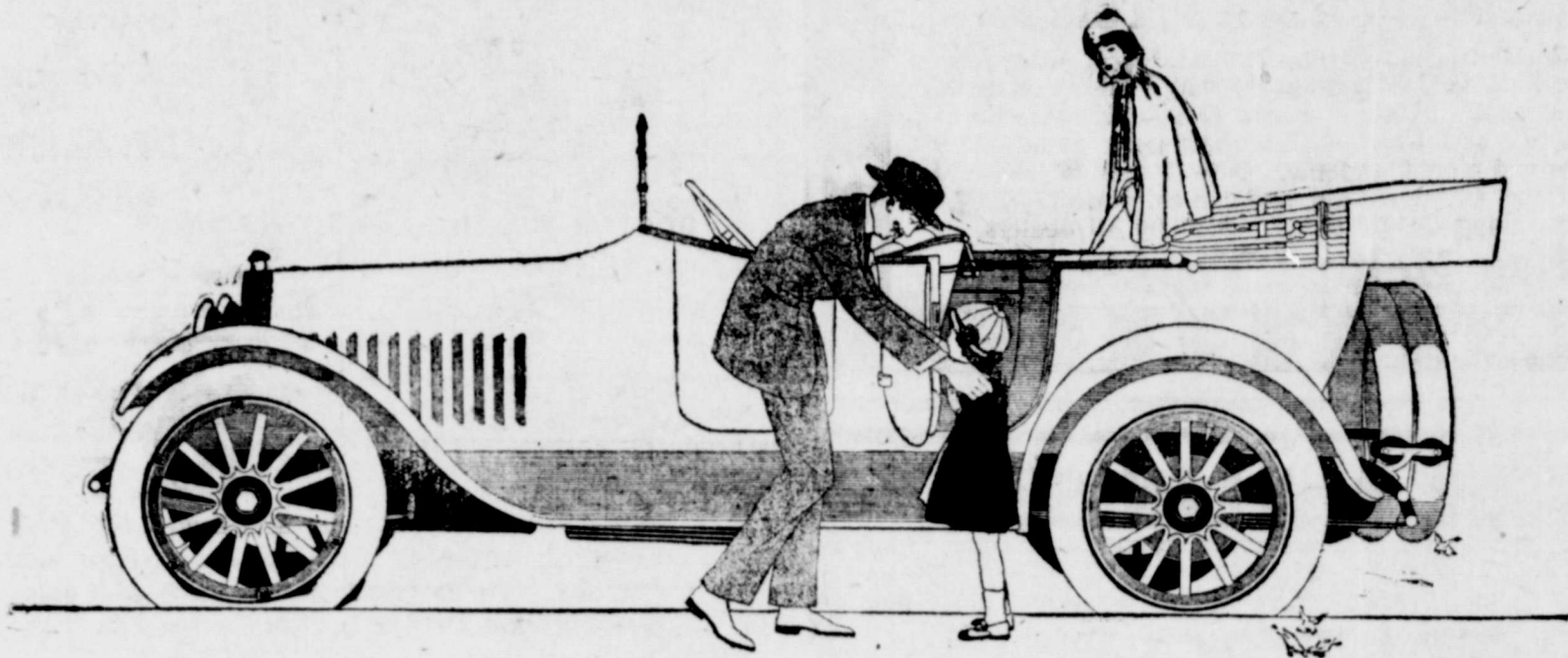
When driving go by the cemetery and give Mr. Ferguson an order to clean your cemetery lot. He is there at all hours of the day and his charges are reasonable.

### Jury Cannot Agree

After being out since Friday afternoon, the jury in the F. E. Smith case was discharged by Special Judge B. A. Cox at 9:30 Tuesday morning after being unable to reach a verdict. The jury stood nine to three from the first report.

The jury had the case in hand almost four days, including Sunday.—Abilene Reporter.





### How to Subjugate High-Speed Power, the Problem—3400 r. p. m. Chalmers, the Answer

The primary object of high-speed engines for motor cars was the attainment of great racing speed.

The hardest thing in building them was to make them safe.

Another difficulty was to combine high engine speed with the feature of all-round performance which is in such imperative demand.

Now comes the remarkable 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers which attains the terrific and supreme engine speed of 3400 revolutions per minute, not only with *absolute safety*, but with undreamed-of acceleration, and smooth, throbbing serenity of performance.

Strength of materials, compact bearing and radiation surfaces, and copious lubrication, are the outstanding features of construction that make this a safe high-speed engine.

By toning down the original might of this whizz of an engine, to a point where the average man or woman dare drive, the elimination of its superfluous energy has been translated into supreme pick-up, velvet

smoothness of performance, and an annual saving of from \$150 to \$200 in gas.

Yet it has speed—anything up to 60 miles an hour—as fast as I care to travel in any emergency.

Every gallon of gas I put into the tank of my 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers comes through with 18 miles of sparkling going.

It's fortunate that this magnificent new Chalmers comes to us just when it does. Just now the South is buying motor cars faster than ever before. Our cotton, steel, munitions, and textile industries are sending the smoke of prosperity into the heavens.

The South is more motor-conscious than ever before. The discriminating are buying Chalmers. Bring a blank check when you come to see and feel the 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers perform.

Chalmers output is enormously increased. Today deliveries are certain, with slight, if any, delays. But a few weeks hence the dearth of raw materials may curtail the supply of cars. Order now, if you can.

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# Fulwiler Electric Company

## AUTO AND ELECTRIC SUPPLIES.

MERKEL, TEXAS

### T. & P. TO CHANGE THEIR SCHEDULE

Rumors coming from an authoritative source promise better passenger service over the Texas & Pacific Ry. at an early date.

The proposed schedule will extend the "Bob" train which now stops at Abilene, on to Big Springs, while trains No. 3 and 4 are to be discontinued and a fast service of the Sunshine Special inaugurated. This fast train is already being operated from points east to St. Louis, and the change will give shorter time from El Paso over the entire Texas & Pacific line. Until the railroad commission passes on the new schedule nothing definite will be announced, but it is high-

ly probable that the change will be made near the first of May.

When you come to Sweetwater, Texas, drive your car in the National Southern Highway Garage, on the west side of the square near the hotels. No charges to tourists and visitors for day storage. Do not leave your car in the hot sun, it will ruin the varnish and upholstery on your car. You are welcome to make our place home while in Sweetwater. We have free air and water on the sidewalk. We carry a fine line of accessories and tires. Our readers are especially invited to call on them while in Sweetwater.—Adv. tf

My Jack will make the season at my barn on hill between Ed. Compton's and Largent. Dr. M. Armstrong. 2t

### FRESH WATER

Can be had any moment with the ideal way to pump water—cheap to install, cheap to operate. 10c worth of Electric energy will pump 1000 gallons.

No unsightly locks, no screeching around your home. No depending on the wind.

We would be glad to show and explain our Electric Pumping Outfits. Do it Electrically.

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Famous Wamba Coffee, Wamba Coffee, Wamba Coffee

Try the famous Wamba coffee that made Houston, Texas, famous. G. M. Sharp. 17tf

#### Cemetery Work

Mr. Ferguson can be found at the Cemetery all hours during the day, except at noon. Reasonable rates for all work done. 7t3pd.

#### Manager Holdridge Back

Manager J. F. Holdridge of the Southwestern Telephone Company has returned to his duties after and absence of some two weeks caused by sickness in his family.

His return to work will be marked by a new telephone directory, which work he was engaged upon when he was forced to temporarily abandon his position.

#### Notice

The Colorado Steam Laundry is making many well-pleased customers. Why not give it a trial and be well pleased too? Call Owen. Phone 194. 10 tf

See Mr. Ferguson at the Cemetery and have him clean your lot. Charges reasonable.

Seymour best flour at G. M. Sharps.

### POST OFFICE NOT TO OPEN FRIDAY

With the exception of one hour, from 8 till 9 o'clock, this Friday morn, the post office will be closed for the holiday of San Jacinto. Parties desiring a line of postal supplies should get them during the morning hour.

During the remainder of the day the office will be given over to workmen, who will remodel the interior and rearrange the office along better lines for both the patrons and the office force. Mr. Smelser, owner of the post office building, having everything ready for the change.

Get your stamps early. I still have a little Silk flour at \$3.00 per hundred. G. M. Sharp.



**The Funeral of Mrs. R. H. Collins**  
 'Neath a mound of flowers as beautiful as her life had been, the remains of Mrs. R. H. Collins were buried in Rose Hill Cemetery last Friday afternoon. Rain falling during most of forenoon made the afternoon a gloomy one, but at two o'clock a large number of friends gathered at the Collins home for the funeral service conducted by Elder John M. Rice of the Christian church. This according to the wishes of the deceased was very simple and brief. The sweet old hymns "Nearer My God to Thee," "Asleep in Jesus," "Meet Me There," "The Sweet By and By," "Abide With Me" and "God Be With You", were used during the service, being sung by Mrs. R. A. Sadler, Misses Evelyn Williams, Ruth Mims, Emma Mae Mashburn and Mrs. Alice Templeton.

The floral offering was one of the most beautiful ever seen in Merkel and gave silent tribute to the universal love which was given this wife and mother during her life time and which now must find some outlet for showing the sympathy felt for the sorrowing ones in the home.

The pall bearers were Messrs. E. L. Rogers, Dee Grimes, J. C. Mason, R. O. Anderson, Joe Holmes, T. R. Lassiter, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., and R. H. Dean.



**ICE FOR EASTER**

Should be as pure as the symbolical lily. And it will be if we supply the ice. Our ice is made from pure distilled water and is free from all impurities. "Safety first" is our slogan. It should be yours too. Using our ice is health insurance.

**Warren Brothers**

**White Goods Sale**

The Protheus class of the Presbyterian Sunday school will have on sale, at the ladies rest room, Saturday, 22nd, a number of pieces of hand-made lassies' underwear. Sale will open at 9 o'clock. Ladies are invited to call and see us. Protheus Class. It

**Why Are You Sick**

Did you ever stop to think there could be no disease without a cause. A pressure on nerves causes disease. See the Chiropractor, consultation and analysis given free. Mr. and Mrs. Battendorf, Chiropractors, Merkel and Abilene. See Mrs. Alice Rose for appointment in Merkel. 4t21

**Notice of City Marshal's Sale**

By virtue of the authority given to me under the Charter and Ordinances of the city of Merkel, I will on Friday, the 28th day of April, 1916, at the Pound Pen, in the city of Merkel, in Taylor Co., Texas, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, one bay mare mule, about 15½ hands high, about sixteen years old, no brands observable; said animal having been taken up by me while running at large within the corporate limits of the said city of Merkel, Texas, and by me impounded. No owner of said mule being found, the same will be sold as directed by ordinance of said city for the purpose of paying the impounding fees of said animal.

Ben Walters, City Marshal, City of Merkel.

**Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's**

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

**You Need a Tonic**

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

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Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Aliza, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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LET **RENFRO THE TAILOR** AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO Your Cleaning and Pressing

**EYE GLASSES & SPECTACLES**

Correctly fitted will relieve all strain and discomfort; also give you perfect sight when fitted by

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of our ice cream and you'll have a splendid dessert without any of the trouble of preparing one. It will keep hard an hour, so the dinner needn't be hurried thru in order to enjoy the dessert. We don't have to say anything about our ice cream. It speaks for itself.

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Should Not Feel Discouraged

So many people troubled with indigestion and constipation have been benefited by taking Chamberlain's Tablets that no one should feel discouraged who has not given them a trial. They contain no peppin or other digestive ferments but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

**Land For Sale**

I now offer my land for sale for a short time. Reason for selling is change of business. James Baker, Trent, Texas.

**Work Stock For Sale**

We have some good work horses and mules for sale, also one team of three year old mules to let out for their feed. Anchor Mercantile Co.,

**Work Horses For Sale**

We have some good work horses and mules for sale, also one team of three year old mules to let out for their feed, Anchor Mercantile Co.,

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which does the stitching on our shoes transforms them into new footwear. No hand work can equal it in regularity and evenness of stitching. Send us a pair of your old shoes as a test of the magic work of this machine. We do it in half the time and twice as well as any cobbler.

**J. A. BROWN**

**PERFECT LAUNDERING**

only is suitable for Easter wear. Everybody naturally wants to look his best at this season. Send your shirts, collars, etc., here and there will be no doubt about the character of the laundering. The more particular you are the surer we are to satisfy you.

**Sweetwater Steam Laundry**  
 Grimes-Howard Tailors  
 Merkel Agents

The Bob Martin Grocery Company received a fresh car of Baker Boy flour this week. Order a sack.

Plenty of shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

M. G. Sims and his mother of Inkom were here Wednesday purchasing supplies. Mr. Sims is just recovering from injuries received some three weeks ago, when he accidentally inflicted a deep cut in his left limb with an axe, the blade of the instrument cutting into the shin bone to quite a depth.

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**O. F. McMASTER**  
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 T. F. Compton, C. C.  
 S. Hamilton, Clerk

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject to the Democratic Primaries of July, 1916

For Legislature (Capt.) J. T. TUCKER  
 N. D. COBB

For District Judge  
 JOE BURKETT, of Eastland  
 W. P. MAHAFFEY  
 D. K. SCOTT, of Cisco.  
 F. S. BELL, of Baird  
 Callahan County

For District Clerk  
 J. N. ROUTH  
 H. O. DRUMMOND

For District Attorney  
 N. N. ROSENQUEST (Re-election)  
 W. J. CUNNINGHAM

For County Judge  
 E. M. OVERSHINER  
 Re-election

For County Clerk  
 J. D. HILTON, Re-election

For County Attorney  
 W. H. GRAHAM

For County Superintendent  
 J. S. SMITH, Re-election  
 C. E. SIMS  
 ARTHUR JONES

For Treasurer:  
 J. A. BOYCE  
 AUSTIN FITTS

For Tax Assessor:  
 W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN  
 Re-election  
 JOHN H. VANCE.  
 L. R. (ROY) PARMELLY  
 J. S. PATTERSON

For Tax Collector:  
 G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE  
 W. F. DILLARD, Re-election

For Public Weigher at Merkel  
 J. M. (JIM) TOOMBS  
 Re-election

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2.  
 T. R. LASSITER (Re-election)

**Jones County Announcements**

For County Attorney  
 J. L. (LEE) CEARLEY  
 Re-election

For County Clerk  
 C. H. P'POOL, Re-election

For Tax Collector  
 R. L. BARRETT, Re-election

**Study Food Values**

Food provided for the family table deserves the careful thought of every housewife. Do you use thought when buying baking powder?

The quality of cake, biscuits and all quickly raised flour foods depends largely upon the kind of baking powder used.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is made from cream of tartar derived from grapes. It is absolutely pure and has proved its excellence for making food of finest quality and wholesomeness for generations.

There is no alum nor phosphate in

**DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**  
 MADE FROM CREAM OF TARTAR  
 DERIVED FROM GRAPES

**SOCIETY**  
 MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

**Mrs. Harris, Hostess**

Mrs. T. A. Harris was hostess on last Thursday afternoon of the Twentieth Century Club. The entire afternoon was given to the study of Riley's poems. The following numbers were read: Ike Walton's Prayer by Mrs. G. H. Adams. There's Ever a Song, Mrs. R. A. Martin. A Life Lesson, Miss Pauline Johnson. The Ole Swimmin' Hole, Mrs. W. B. Foster. Who Bides His Time, Mrs. J. W. Briggs. A special article on the description of Indiana by George Ade was read by Mrs. W. Parten. The Parliamentary drill to have been conducted by Miss Walters was deferred to the next meeting which will be with Miss Sophia Howard. In the delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake the club colors of yellow and white were carried out. Miss Mamie Ellis and Mrs. Alice Touchstone were visitors for the afternoon.

**John Morgan to Abilene**

John Morgan formerly connected with the Behren McMillen Furniture Co., and for two years time an employee of the Mail office has accepted a lucrative position in Abilene with the Laughter Undertaking Co. The many friends of John wish him much success in the work he is now engaged in and feel that his experience with the above mentioned furniture company will well fit him for the position he now holds as assistant to Mr. Laughter.

**For Constipation**

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: Chamberlain's Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation. Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. For sale by all dealers.

Eat a plate of ice cream every day, but be sure it is Alta Vista from Burroughs.

Don't fret over a hot stove. Get your Easter cake from the Bakery.



**\$15 Suits?**

Yes, the House of Born makes suits to order for \$15—but they are not \$15 suits.

They're the kind of suits the "fifteen dollar" tailors try to make for \$20. Our better value is due to our greater sales.

But we don't advise a man to buy any \$15 suit. It costs as much to sell a \$15 suit as a \$25 suit. So the man who pays \$25 receives a greater percentage of his purchase price in actual clothes quality and service.

At \$20 or \$25, M. Born & Company will tailor a suit exactly to your order, with the finest of pure wool cloths, guaranteed linings and honest hand workmanship—a suit that will keep you well dressed long after two of the ordinary \$15 variety have gone to the rag man.

Drop in this week and ask for "Born's Blue Book"—you'll be delighted with the woolen selection, and amazed at the values offered.

**Renfro & Ferguson**  
 Dealers



**LISTEN**

I want to speak a few words to the patriotic people of the Merkel trade territory.

The Consolidated Oil & Gas Company is an organization perfected by a few of the best business men of Colorado, Texas, for the soul purpose of developing the oil and gas resources of this section of the country, including our own trade territory, and will mean just as much to the people of Merkel as it will to the people of Colorado and Sweetwater, and it is to our own interest directly to join hands with them in this laudable undertaking and give them all the assistance that we can. After you have thoroughly familiarized yourself with this development proposition you can readily see that they are not selfish in the matter and that there is no money to be made out of this promotion proposition by the officers of this company and that they have no motive whatever other than the development of oil and gas in this section. The Consolidated Oil & Gas Company fully outline in their literature the expenditure of all monies paid into the said company.

This proposition should appeal to every patriotic citizen in this entire territory alike, as we are all directly interested in the development of our country. The company has arranged to see that all can come in and assist in this development and share in any profits that accrue therefrom.

I will state that all of said test wells are under the control and management of an oil expert, who has extensive experience in different oil fields. All locations have been made by this party and the leases secured under his directions and not depending upon their own judgment. They have faith in his ability as an experienced oil man and are backing his judgment.

As above stated, this is a proposition that we are all directly interested in, meaning more to the people of this section than anything put before them for many years in the past, and if successful will bring more money to this section than all the cotton that will be grown in this territory in the next 20 years. I want you to study this proposition from every angle and if it is not thoroughly clear to you, I will take pleasure in giving you all the information that I possibly can. Don't wait for me to look you up but come to see me and let's all get busy and do our part in this, the greatest undertaking in the country.

Paul Bennett.



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usually large and including a sale of stock to leave room for young hens. His eggs alone averaged about \$12 a month.

### Bought Feed Only Once

"I've been here fourteen years, including the dry ones," he said, "and I've never bought feed except once. I've never seen a time I couldn't sell feed in Merkel."

J. N. Teaff is a notable example of successful stock farming in the Merkel country. He always raises an abundance of feed, sells some, puts most of it into mules, hogs and cattle and has his cotton as a purely surplus money crop. One sow brought him \$42 clear money last year from one litter, sold when young. He also saved his meat from this litter, in addition to what was sold. Another sow cleared him \$33 from one litter which he raised and then sold.

The first year Mr Teaff began to sell cream and butter his books

show that twelve cows brought in slightly more than \$300, in addition to home consumption and the skim milk fed the hogs. Last year he made over \$408 from the same number of cows, and average about that figure in 1914.

There are always fifty or seventy-five hens running around Mr. Teaff's place, but he keeps no tab on the sales of eggs and chickens.

"They make a little spending money for the children," he said. "I don't make any count of that at all. The children just take what ever there is to town when they go."

In twelve years' experience farming here, Mr. Teaff has bought feed only once. Every other year he has sold—or rather he has sold when he had more feed than he could possibly use himself. He prefers, except when he has a surplus, to turn all his feed into meat or stock.

The first spring Mr. Teaff was out here he paid \$80 for a mare. He has sold over \$1,000 worth of mule colts from that one mare and last fall sold her for \$50.

"Any farmer can pay out his land this way," said Mr. Teaff. He needn't expect to do it with

a one-crop, however. The most profitable way of using land is stock farming—making all your feed and selling it on the hoof."

### Always a Diversifier

In Bell County, before he moved out here, Mr. Teaff followed the same system. He has never been an all-cotton man. He has a large and thoroughly modern residence on his place, furnished and equipped with every convenience. This, of course, has been built from a part of the earnings of the farm.

"No," he said, "I couldn't have built it from all cotton. There's no kind of doubt about that."

H. P. Wilkins, who has paid out one place entirely and another partially by diversification, keeps from seventy-five to a hundred hens and sold about \$250 worth of eggs and chickens last year. Of the eighty acres that he cultivated last year he put forty in cotton, making twenty-eight bales. He will divide his land about the same this year, but will reverse, it that is, put grain where cotton was before, and cotton where grain was planted last year. He uses milo maize principally for chicken feed and expects this year to increase his number of hens and turn all his feed crops into either chickens or hogs.

"I always make my own meat and my living at home and raise a few mules and horses all along to sell," he said.

"Personally, I have just about made up my mind there is more money turning feed into chickens and eggs than any other way. One thing is dead sure—a man can't depend on one crop, cotton or anything else, and come out anywhere except at the little end of the horn. This idea is spreading all over our country and everybody I know around here will make a living at home this year."

A. J. Hartley, whose home is not far distant from Mr. Wilkins' averages about \$100 a year from his chickens clear of all expenses. He keeps forty or fifty hens, a few milch cows, raises a home garden and sells some truck, raises mule colts and horses every year—and, of course, grows all his own feed. The reason "of course" is used is because Mr. Hartley paid out his place and has improved and beautified it from the proceeds of the farm—and every man who is doing or who has done that out here makes his own feed. It seems to be the first essential to agricultural independence.

"We want to raise something else besides cotton out in this country," said Mr. Hartley,

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## J. A. DUCKETT

"and we are holding on to it, putting it away to use ourselves in the future, and not selling out when we have a good crop."

"I'll tell you what I hope," he added, "I hope the man who plants all cotton will have to pay \$2 a bushel for corn."

H. M. Rainbolt says he has averaged a ton of maize to the acre for eleven years—sometimes running below that, but some years making two tons. His farm is a model and it is conducted strictly on the basis of diversification and living at home. Out of 210

acres cultivated last year, 137 were in cotton; the remainder in feed crops. He also has a good orchard, raises hogs, chickens, mule colts, and milch cows. Mr. Rainbolt's theory is that by diversifying and living at home—and working hard—any farmer can make a success.

The above was published in the Daily Dallas News, following a visit Mr. Dubose made to this country, and has only been delayed from the fact that Mr. Dubose made the beginning too personal. It is reproduced however in the interest of diversification.

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